March 4, 1998

07:00:38

911 call to comm ctr

07:14:24

Dep Cattanach arrives, less than one minute after EMS & Jackson was out of the building with the EMTs

EMT ACCOUNTS:

Robt Bernards was the driver of the Waunakee rig that responded to St. Michael's, he said they arrived prior to Dep. Cattanach. Upon exiting the rig, Bernards said he observed a person later identified as Brian Jackson came around the corner of the school and motioned for the EMTs to come into the building, at which time Bernards reminded the other EMTs that they had been advised not to enter the building due to a possible crime scene. Bernards returned to the rig and contacted dispatch while the other two EMTs, Shirley Nelson and Vaughn Frye met with Jackson. Bernards saw Jackson motion with his hand across his neck and took it as an indication of someone's throat being slit.

When the deputy arrived, he asked if Jackson could be placed in the ambulance, and after getting inside, Jackson requested that he be allowed to pray. Bernards reported hearing Jackson repeatedly say, "Poor Fr. Kunz." Jackson further stated, "Who could have done such a thing?" -The teacher said he'd found Fr. Kunz on the floor, and that the teacher was the first to arrive at school. Jackson appeared weepy, but was not crying.

Bernards has no recollection of anyone getting into the ambulance with Jackson until Ofc. Gehrke transported Jackson.

Vaughn Frye reported that when the unit arrived at the top of the circle, dispatch advised that a teacher would be waiting for them. He saw a person, later identified as Brian Jackson, near the door leading to the school waiving his hands for them to come to him. Frye and EMT partner Shirley Nelson approached Jackson who made a slashing gesture across his throat. Frye said the teacher was not crying when he made contact with him, and that the teacher spoke with the deputy briefly telling him that someone had killed Fr. Kunz before the deputy entered the school alone. The deputy asked that Jackson be allowed to sitting the ambulance and that he not be allowed to wash his hands or any of the blood.

Shirley Nelson reported that there was a possibility that during the time that Brian Jackson was left alone in the ambulance, the principal of the school may have entered the ambulance.